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I think the government (DoJ) is doing an injustice to the country with this continued suit against Microsoft. It could have been done differently without the negative impact on our economy and the mind set of the citizenry. All this started in Clinton's anti-business administration and now there is so much egg on politicians' faces that they cannot let it go. And of course there is so much politics interwoven in this that it is hard to tell fact from fiction and when politics are involved, politicians don't really care so much about fact. That is why politicians are respected by the citizenry either just above or just below used car salesmen, I forget. (It used to be an honorable profession.)

For example, Microsoft's proposal for free computers to schools was rejected. That is OK but the reason was crap. When I worked in the school district, we received many, many computers from Apple that were free. Now they yell foul because they don't want MS muscling in on getting the kids used to PCs when they have invested years in getting them Apple oriented. When older, these kids will buy Apple computers because of their greater familiarity. Yup, double standard.

This case did not cause the market to go into the tank several years ago but I feel it certainly helped with the mindset of the consumer and investor against the market as a whole. You can thank yourself for that. Could have been handled much differently but politicians have egos and constituents with lots of campaign money in the campaign fund, so we all must wade through this crap for the egos of a few. I am sick of it. As a consumer of computer products and software, I don't feel infringed nor hurt by Microsoft software but I do feel infringed by the government's handling of this case. So get a life and dump this case. Get the positive mindset of the consumer and investor back on track and let's get this economy moving again. You guys, and state governments, need the tax money a prospering economy generates. And this crap has lost you billions; billions. Was it really worth it? Just for the political egos involved? Hell no, not from my perspective nor the from that of the citizenry.

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(Does not reflect the attitude of my employer.)

